

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~inhibiting the moisture variation~~ ~~increasing glass-transition temperature~~ in a composition, comprising

incorporating a saccharide-derivative of α,α -trehalose into said composition in an amount of at least one percent to the total weight of said composition on a dry solid basis.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, characterized in that wherein said saccharide-derivative of α,α -trehalose is composed of any of mono-glucose, di-glucose, tri-glucose, and tetra-glucose bound to at least one of glucose residues of α,α -trehalose molecule.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein said saccharide-derivative of α,α -trehalose is a saccharide having a trehalose structure as an end unit.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1,
wherein said saccharide-derivative of α,α -trehalose is in an
amorphous form.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1,
wherein said saccharide-derivative of α,α -trehalose is
incorporated into said composition in combination with at
least one other saccharide selected from the group consisting
of reducing saccharides, non-reducing saccharides, sugar
alcohols, and water-soluble polysaccharides.

Claims 6-46. (Cancelled)